

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

ROBERTO DURAND,

Plaintiff

v.

MRS. T. COOKE,

Defendant

Case No. 3:22-cv-00026-RCJ-WGC

**ORDER**

**I. DISCUSSION**

On January 18, 2022, Plaintiff, an inmate in the custody of the Nevada Department of Corrections ("NDOC"), submitted a civil rights complaint under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and filed an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (ECF Nos. 1-1, 1). Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* is incomplete. Plaintiff has not submitted an inmate account statement for the previous six-month period with his application. The Plaintiff is advised that a Financial Certificate (page 4 of this Court's application) and an inmate account statement for the previous six-month period are two separate documents the Court requires to consider his *in forma pauperis* application fully complete.

Under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2) and Local Rule LSR 1-2, an inmate seeking to begin a civil action in this Court may apply to proceed *in forma pauperis* in order to file the civil action without prepaying the full \$402 filing fee. To apply for *in forma pauperis* status, the inmate must submit all three of the following documents to the Court:

- (1) a completed **Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate**, this Court's approved form (i.e. pages 1 through 3 with the inmate's two signatures on page 3),
- (2) a **Financial Certificate** properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail official (i.e. page 4 of this Court's approved form), and
- (3) a copy of the **inmate's prison or jail trust fund account statement for the previous six-month period.**

Accordingly, the Court denies Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 1) without prejudice because the application is incomplete. The Court will grant Plaintiff a **one-time extension** to file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* containing all three of the required documents. Plaintiff will file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* on or before **March 21, 2022**. Absent unusual circumstances, the Court will not grant any further extensions of time. If Plaintiff does not file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three required documents on or before **March 21, 2022**, this case will be subject to dismissal without prejudice for Plaintiff to file a new case with the Court when Plaintiff is able to acquire all three of the documents needed to file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pays the full \$402 filing fee.

A dismissal without prejudice means Plaintiff does not give up the right to refile the case with the Court, under a new case number, when Plaintiff has all three documents needed to submit with the application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Alternatively, Plaintiff may choose not to file an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and instead pay the full filing fee of \$402 on or before **March 21, 2022** to proceed with this case.

The Court will retain Plaintiff's civil rights complaint (ECF No. 1-1) but the Court will not file the complaint unless and until Plaintiff timely files a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three documents or pays the full \$402 filing fee.

## **II. CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 1) is denied without prejudice to file a new fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three documents.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court will send Plaintiff the approved form application to proceed *in forma pauperis* by an inmate, as well as the document entitled information and instructions for filing an *in forma pauperis* application.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that on or before **March 21, 2022**, Plaintiff will either pay the full \$402 filing fee for a civil action (which includes the \$350 filing fee and the \$52

1 administrative fee) or file with the Court:

2 (1) a completed **Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate** on this  
3 Court's approved form (i.e. pages 1 through 3 of the form with the inmate's two  
4 signatures on page 3),

5 (2) a **Financial Certificate** properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail  
6 official (i.e. page 4 of this Court's approved form), and

7 (3) a copy of the **inmate's prison or jail trust fund account statement for the**  
8 **previous six-month period.**

9 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, if Plaintiff does not file a fully complete  
10 application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three documents or pay the full \$402  
11 filing fee for a civil action on or before **March 21, 2022**, this case will be subject to  
12 dismissal without prejudice for Plaintiff to refile the case with the Court, under a new case  
13 number, when Plaintiff has all three documents needed to file a complete application to  
14 proceed *in forma pauperis* or pays the the full \$402 filing fee.

15 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court will retain the complaint  
16 (ECF No. 1-1) but will not file it at this time.

17 DATED: January 21, 2022

*William G. Cobb*

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